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| For: | VEHICLE FRONT-VIEW MONITORING SYSTEM | |

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... if the targeted vehicle cannot be captured due to, for example,
failure of sensor, heavy rain and decreasing of contrast level of input
signal from camera, ...

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Respectfully submitted,

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